

## **Annual Chapter Report Outline**

Please complete your Annual Chapter Report and submit to the National Office by May 15.

**Date of report submission:** 2018-05-08

**Name of School/College:** Touro University California College of Pharmacy

**Chapter Name & region:** Delta Delta, Region VIII – West Coast

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## Introduction

Number of Rho Chi student members at college or school:

Doctorate of Pharmacy Program

Class of 2018 21 members

Class of 2019 18 members

**Meetings** Please provide information on meetings held in the following tabular format

Date	Attendance	Agenda	Action Steps
2017-07-20	5	Check in, Outlining specific board roles, initiation ceremony, Ideas/Suggestions, Events Review, Closing	1) Communicate with advisors and develop action plan for induction ceremony 2) Secure financing through student government 3) Find faculty to induct 4) Brainstorm ideas for next meeting 5) Schedule next meeting
2017-08-14	5	Check-in, follow-up, Induction, Events Review, Closing	1) Create induction ceremony checklist and assign roles 2) Schedule induction ceremony 3) Obtain list of eligible students 3) Communicate with catering to secure food for event
2017-09-06	5	Check-in	1) Set induction ceremony date 2) Finalize invitees 3) Finalize calendar of events 4) Finalize budget and financing
2017-11-17	30	Check-in, networking, Welcoming remarks, Message from Dean, Message from Advisors, Induction of new members, Presentation of faculty member, Concluding remarks	1) Induction of new members 2) Presentation of keys and certificates to new members

**Strategic Planning:** What goals were set that relate to the Rho Chi mission?

The 2017-2018 Rho Chi officer board had two major goals ahead of us when we began our term. Our major goal was to reach out to our academic faculty and learn how we can leverage our

talented and academically adept membership towards improving our school's academic standing and helping our underclassmen thrive in their didactic courses. This was in line with Rho Chi's mission of contributing to the development of intellectual leaders. Based on feedback from professors, we felt our greatest contributions could be through integrating our Rho Chi members into the school's mentorship and peer tutoring programs. Our members have been able to assist other Touro students with both advice and tutoring with the aim of strengthening the scientific backbone that is necessary to create a strong clinician who can advance the pharmacy profession. Our faculty also suggested a possible elective course in which Rho Chi members can assist in giving biology and chemistry based review lectures focused on improving scientific background of our students. This course is still in development and hopefully will be started for the 2018-19 school year. Another goal our board had was to standardize and simplify the induction ceremony process by creating an easy to understand and comprehensive checklist for the upcoming Rho Chi boards. This living document would allow future boards to remove the guesswork and time involved with dealing with the induction ceremony process and instead, would free up time to focus on achieving more Rho Chi Honor Society mission-based goals.

## **Activities**

### **STARs (Students Talking About Rotations)**

- University Development
- One day event (annual)
- Attendance: 50-60
- 20-30 people assisted
- 3 hours to prepare and 2 hours event time

### **Berkeley Women's Health Awareness**

- Community outreach (health fairs)
- Occurs multiple times per year
- Attendance: 20-25
- 15-20 assisted
- 6-12 hours of preparation and 3 hours of event time

### **Better Health Pharmacy**

- Community Service (drug repository and redistribution, AKA free pharmacy)
- Ongoing Event
- Attendance: unable to quantify
- 16 hours of participation so far, eventual goal of ~240 hours

### **Poster Presentation**

- Annual Event
- Attendance: 5 people
- 5 months of preparation with 4 hour poster presentation event

### **Peer Tutoring: (multiple rho Chi students involved)**

- Academic (tutoring, review sessions)
- Ongoing Event

- 3-5 students tutored
- 1-2 hours per session with 10-20 hours per week (on average)

#### Peer Review Lecture – pH Titrations and pKa

- Academic (tutoring, review sessions)
- One day event
- Attendance: 60 students
- 1 week of preparation for 3 hour event

#### Student Run Free Clinic – Student preceptor

- Academic, Community Service and University development
- One time event
- Attendance: 8 patients assisted
- 2 days of preparation for 5 hour event

#### P-1 Lecture – Gout and hyperuricemia – section of lecture and SGD activity

- Academic (tutoring, review sessions)
- 80 students attended
- 2-3 weeks of preparation for 1 day event

#### Class of 2021 student interviews (multiple Rho chi members involved)

- University Development (interviews, open house)
- Ongoing annual event
- 6 students interviewed
- 2 hours of preparation for 3 hour interviews

#### Open House

- University Development (interviews, open house)
- One-time event (annual)
- 20 people attended with 6 people assisted
- 1 hour of preparation for 2 hour event

#### Vital Signs Activity

- Academic activity
- One time event (annual)
- 90 students attended, 4 assisted
- 2 hours of preparation for 3 hour event

#### Review Session for Triple Jump Exam (TJE)

- Academic (tutoring, review sessions)
- One time event
- 50 people attended/assisted
- 3 hours of preparation for 1 hour events

### **Financial Budgeting**

Our budgeting is controlled through our school's student government association (SGA) which allocates funds to groups based on request and merit. This year, our SGA provided us with \$445 to spend towards our induction ceremony. Our primary funding source comes from the \$110 dollars we collect per inductee for our annual membership fees. This covers both the national fee and the costs of our planned activities. This year's dues were consistent with those charged in previous years.

### **Installation Function**

Our Initiation Ceremony took place on November 17, 2017 at 10 AM at Farragut Inn on the Touro University California on our Vallejo campus in Vallejo. As has been customary in the last few years, we continued to allow friends and family to attend in order to share in the honor and joy of our new members receiving their certificates and keys. We inducted a total of 18 new members. The ceremony was conducted in accordance with the national guidelines. Our wonderful Dean Matsumoto and other faculty advisors were able to speak and impart wisdom onto our new members and other faculty as attended to support the new members. Our event was catered and all attendees were well fed and given ample time to network and congratulate each other.

### **Evaluation/Reflection**

Our Delta Delta chapter of Rho strives to represent the Rho Chi Honor society's mission to encourage and recognize intellectual achievement, develop intellectual leaders and promote collaboration. We are proud of the engagement of our membership in both the community setting, academic development and through working to make our University a better place. Though it is a challenge since our school employees two years of academic rotations which means our membership tends to be scattered throughout the state, we are still proud of how engaged our membership has been and the example they set. We have found that social media and various internet resources have been crucial in helping maintaining a sense of community

Our presence on campus has been maintained through our membership being involved in activities such as student interviews, open houses and attending events such as STARS (students talk about rotations) in which we are able to leverage our experiences during rotations to help our underclassmen make informed decisions on where and how to conduct their rotations. We have also made it a priority to stay in communication with our faculty as a way of establishing meaningful goals and this has led to an increased Rho Chi presence in our tutoring program and the established of planning for an upcoming didactic elective course to strengthen our underclassmen's scientific skills.

Our hope for the upcoming year is to continue to establish and start this science/physiology elective course while also streamlining our induction ceremony process so our boards can spend more time on intellectual endeavors. We are also excited about the ongoing move of the Rho Chi national office to California and seek to establish a stronger reputation on the national scale by becoming competitive for the annual awards.

**Other Information**

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